

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL RELATIONS, ENERGY, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Steenberg, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Andrew Person (D)
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)
Rep. Tom Richmond (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 150, 2/12/2015

Executive Action: SB 150, SB 111, HJ 15

00:00:02 Chairman Lang

HEARING ON SB 150

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 150, Revise USB laws.

[EXHIBIT\(feh35a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:02 John Fitzpatrick, Northwestern Energy (NWE)

00:06:54 Jim Nolan, State's Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:10:09 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:51 Chairman Lang

00:11:06 Jim Nolan, HRDC

00:11:18 Chairman Lang

00:11:28 Jim Nolan, HRDC

00:11:57 Rep. Steenberg

00:12:27 John Fitzpatrick, NWE

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:19 Sen. Windy Boy

00:14:25 Chairman Lang

[EXHIBIT\(feh35a02\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 150

00:15:07 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 150 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:15:23 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Exhibit (1)

00:16:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 150 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Pope voted by proxy.

Exhibit (2)

00:17:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 150 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Pope voted by proxy.

00:18:13 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 150 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:18:30 Rep. Zolnikov
00:19:16 Kyla Maki, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:19:57 Chairman Lang
00:20:24 Rep. Steenberg
00:20:41 Rep. Zolnikov
00:20:54 Rep. Moore
00:21:19 Chairman Lang

00:21:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Pope voted by proxy. Rep. Moore will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

00:22:11 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **SB 111 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:22:28 Chairman Lang

00:22:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Pope voted by proxy. Rep. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 15

00:23:17 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HJ 15 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:23:41 Rep. Berry

00:23:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Knudsen and Rep. Pope voted by proxy.

00:24:21 Chairman Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:24:49

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh35aad.pdf](#))